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SUBJECT: SECRET PAYMENTS BY SWEDEN TO USAF

1. AFTONBLADET, A LARGE-CIRCULATION DALY WITH CLOSE TIES TO THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY AND THE SWEDISH TRADE UNION CONFEDERATION, PUBLISHED A STORY ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 ALLEGING THAT THE SECRET PAYMENTS FROM SWEDEN TO THE US AIR FORCE WERE IN FACT FOR RECONNAISSANCE SATELLITE PHOTOGRAPHY. THE FOLLOWING DAY'S DAGENS NYHETER CARRIED A TERSE DENIAL BY SUPREME COMMANDER SYNNERGREN. SEPTEMBER 21 ISSUE PARIS HERALD TRIBUNE CARRIED CONDENSED VERSION OF NEW YORK TIMES SERVICE STORY INTERSPERSED WITH REHASH OF EARLIER SECRET PAYMENTS COVERAGE. OTHERWISE, NO OTHER MEDIA HAVE CARRIED STORY, AND AFTONBLADET HAS NOT PUBLISHED A FOLLOW-UP.

2. OTHER THAN AN OBVIOUS AND SO FAR UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPT TO KEEP SECRET PAYMENTS STORY ALIVE, MOTIVATION FOR AFTONBLADET'S STORY NOT CLEAR, NOR HAS EMBASSY BEEN ABLE TO DETERMINE SOURCE OF MATERIAL IF IN FACT SOURCE EXISTS.

3. ONLY QUERY TO EMBASSY CONCERNING THIS MATTER WAS FROM BELGIAN AMBASSADOR TO OUR DCM AT SOCIAL FUNCTION.
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